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MONTHLY PRICES

The February 2018 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Minnesota was \$3.12 per bushel. This was \$0.06 above the January price but \$0.13 below the February 2017 price.

The February 2018 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.24 per bushel, was up \$0.11 from the January price but down \$0.28 from the February 2017 price.

The February 2018 price for **spring wheat** was \$5.65 per bushel, down \$0.10 from January but up \$0.69 from February 2017.

All hay prices in Minnesota averaged \$108.00 per ton in February, up \$3.00 from the January price and \$36.00 per ton more than February 2017. The **alfalfa hay** price was \$117.00 per ton, down \$1.00 from January but \$40.00 above a year ago. The **other hay** price was \$90.00, \$8.00 above January and \$35.00 above a year ago.

The February average price was \$15.50 per cwt for **milk**, down \$0.40 from January and down \$3.20 per cwt from one year ago.

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Prices Received by Farmers - Minnesota and United States

	Minnesota			United States		
	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Barley, allbu	4.22	4.39	4.39	5.08	4.45	4.58
Beans, dry ediblecwt	30.20	30.30	27.40	31.10	28.20	26.90
Cornbu	3.25	3.06	3.12	3.44	3.29	3.38
Hay, all baledton	72.00	105.00	108.00	124.00	139.00	143.00
Alfalfaton	77.00	118.00	117.00	127.00	152.00	155.00
Otherton	55.00	82.00	90.00	121.00	124.00	124.00
Oatsbu	2.07	2.11	2.41	2.39	3.29	2.64
Soybeansbu	9.52	9.13	9.24	9.86	9.30	9.49
Spring wheatbu	4.96	5.75	5.65	4.83	5.72	5.65
Sunflowers, allcwt	18.90	18.10	21.00	17.60	17.60	17.70
Milk, allcwt	18.70	15.90	15.50	18.50	16.10	15.30

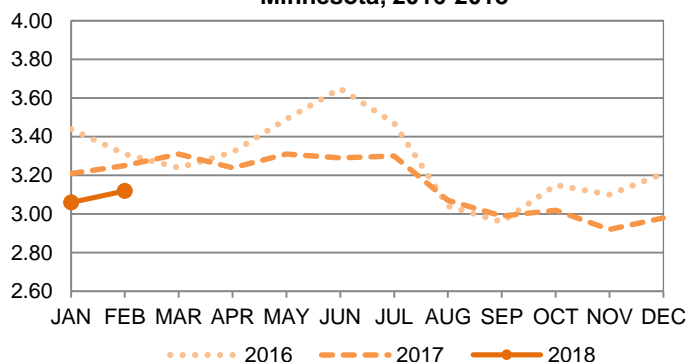
Livestock Prices Received by Farmers - United States

	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calvescwt	151.00	174.00	180.00
Cattle, all beefcwt	119.00	120.00	125.00
Cows ¹cwt	64.90	63.30	65.60
Steers and heiferscwt	121.00	123.00	127.00
Hogs, allcwt	54.40	52.50	54.60
Barrows and giltscwt	55.30	52.90	54.60
Sowscwt	33.20	40.40	54.50
Eggs (market) ²doz	0.373	0.962	1.09

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

² Mid-month price. Also referred to as table eggs.

Dollars per Bushel
Corn Price Received by Farmers, Minnesota, 2016-2018



2017 HAY COUNTY ESTIMATES

All Other Hay Harvested, Yield, and Production – Minnesota by County: 2016-2017

[Some county/district data does not meet publication standards. However, this unpublished data is included in "Combined counties/Combined districts".]

County And district	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2016 (acres)	2017 (acres)	2016 (tons per acre)	2017 (tons per acre)	2016 (tons)	2017 (tons)
Clay	4,750	4,670	1.75	1.65	8,400	7,600
Clearwater	—	4,930	—	2.05	—	10,100
Kittson	8,030	8,250	2.10	1.95	16,800	16,200
Mahnomen	—	1,460	—	3.00	—	4,370
Norman	—	1,910	—	1.95	—	3,680
Pennington	3,370	2,610	2.45	2.75	8,300	7,200
Red Lake	1,640	—	2.25	—	3,710	—
Roseau	—	12,300	—	1.90	—	23,600
Combined counties	34,910	17,070	2.10	1.90	73,690	32,450
Northwest	52,700	53,200	2.10	2.00	110,900	105,200
Beltrami	—	8,170	—	1.50	—	12,300
Cass	26,500	26,700	1.95	1.45	51,200	39,200
Hubbard	11,400	11,100	1.40	1.30	15,900	14,200
Itasca	—	17,400	—	1.35	—	23,300
Koochiching	8,890	5,780	2.30	1.45	20,300	8,300
Lake of the Woods	4,030	5,050	1.35	1.35	5,500	6,900
Combined counties	20,980	—	1.50	—	31,300	—
North Central	71,800	74,200	1.75	1.40	124,200	104,200
St. Louis	39,100	34,900	1.80	1.45	71,300	50,000
Combined counties	1,300	1,000	1.75	2.40	2,300	2,400
Northeast	40,400	35,900	1.80	1.45	73,600	52,400
Big Stone	900	1,240	2.40	2.15	2,180	2,670
Lac qui Parle	—	2,530	—	2.15	—	5,500
Swift	1,000	—	2.80	—	2,820	—
Wilkin	740	1,200	1.90	1.50	1,410	1,820
Yellow Medicine	—	2,940	—	2.00	—	5,900
Combined counties	28,460	26,690	1.85	2.15	52,990	56,910
West Central	31,100	34,600	1.90	2.10	59,400	72,800
Benton	—	11,000	—	2.05	—	22,600
Morrison	33,600	28,100	2.30	2.25	76,600	62,700
Stearns	13,700	13,200	2.15	2.30	29,700	30,300
Todd	19,400	13,500	1.65	2.80	31,600	37,500
Wadena	—	10,200	—	1.50	—	15,100
Combined counties	48,800	26,100	2.00	2.30	98,200	60,200
Central	115,500	102,100	2.05	2.25	236,100	228,400
Aitkin	33,400	36,700	2.25	1.50	75,500	54,900
Anoka	—	2,460	—	2.30	—	5,700
Carlton	23,200	21,000	1.90	1.90	43,700	40,200
Chisago	4,130	3,870	2.45	2.20	10,200	8,500
Crow Wing	—	24,200	—	1.50	—	36,700
Hennepin	—	2,270	—	1.75	—	3,960
Mille Lacs	13,400	17,000	1.95	2.00	25,900	33,600
Pine	28,200	33,000	1.75	1.95	49,600	64,600
Combined counties	52,170	18,500	1.85	1.60	95,300	29,440
East Central	154,500	159,000	1.95	1.75	300,200	277,600
Cottonwood	1,000	1,120	2.50	2.55	2,520	2,850
Jackson	1,460	1,130	2.60	2.20	3,760	2,460
Lincoln	—	1,600	—	2.65	—	4,260
Redwood	2,670	1,470	2.05	2.15	5,500	3,160
Rock	1,710	1,810	2.85	2.65	4,890	4,770
Combined counties	13,460	11,970	2.75	2.65	36,830	31,500
Southwest	20,300	19,100	2.65	2.55	53,500	49,000
Blue Earth	1,100	1,250	3.10	2.35	3,410	2,910
Freeborn	1,040	—	2.60	—	2,710	—
Le Sueur	—	1,290	—	1.65	—	2,110
Nicollet	660	570	2.95	2.40	1,940	1,380
Combined counties	8,600	8,090	2.40	2.60	20,440	20,900
South Central	11,400	11,200	2.50	2.45	28,500	27,300
Dodge	—	930	—	2.10	—	1,940
Combined counties	22,300	19,770	2.40	2.55	53,600	50,160
Southeast	22,300	20,700	2.40	2.50	53,600	52,100
State Total	520,000	510,000	2.00	1.90	1,040,000	969,000

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Alfalfa Hay Harvested, Yield, and Production – Minnesota by County: 2016-2017

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County And district	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons per acre)	(tons per acre)	(tons)	(tons)
Becker	23,200	26,000	2.70	2.85	63,000	73,500
Clay	–	12,100	–	2.95	–	35,600
Clearwater	26,100	26,400	2.95	2.65	77,600	69,800
Kittson	12,800	8,250	2.60	2.80	33,500	23,200
Mahnomen	8,290	–	3.65	–	30,100	–
Marshall	–	15,600	–	2.80	–	43,400
Norman	–	10,400	–	2.75	–	28,600
Pennington	15,700	13,700	3.45	2.45	54,100	33,900
Polk	–	21,600	–	2.80	–	60,300
Red Lake	7,370	–	3.70	–	27,100	–
Roseau	–	21,300	–	2.75	–	58,900
Combined counties	82,940	13,350	3.00	2.90	250,500	38,600
Northwest	176,400	168,700	3.05	2.75	535,900	465,800
Beltrami	25,100	26,300	2.75	2.65	68,700	69,900
Cass	9,100	7,320	2.20	2.85	20,000	21,000
Hubbard	7,960	6,240	1.65	2.65	13,000	16,400
Itasca	9,780	8,930	2.00	2.15	19,700	19,100
Koochiching	8,010	10,600	2.30	2.15	18,600	22,900
Lake of the Woods	4,050	4,110	2.15	1.90	8,700	7,800
North Central	64,000	63,500	2.30	2.45	148,700	157,100
Northeast	12,800	9,200	2.50	1.70	32,100	15,800
Big Stone	2,280	2,290	3.95	4.05	9,000	9,300
Grant	2,720	2,640	4.05	4.40	11,000	11,600
Lac qui Parle	–	5,770	–	4.10	–	23,800
Otter Tail	61,000	53,900	3.40	3.45	207,600	185,800
Traverse	–	1,600	–	4.90	–	7,800
Wilkin	5,080	5,340	3.65	3.30	18,600	17,600
Yellow Medicine	9,410	–	4.70	–	44,200	–
Combined counties	55,910	44,960	3.35	4.20	186,100	187,900
West Central	136,400	116,500	3.50	3.80	476,500	443,800
Morrison	33,600	30,000	3.20	2.95	106,800	88,700
Sherburne	3,750	3,730	2.55	1.90	9,500	7,100
Sibley	6,020	–	4.60	–	27,800	–
Stearns	74,600	49,700	4.00	3.75	297,200	186,100
Todd	32,900	34,800	2.55	3.10	84,700	108,600
Wright	15,900	16,600	3.35	3.40	53,500	56,800
Combined counties	71,230	60,470	3.60	3.55	256,900	214,600
Central	238,000	195,300	3.50	3.40	836,400	661,900
Aitkin	5,700	4,750	2.20	1.95	12,500	9,200
Anoka	–	3,210	–	2.25	–	7,200
Carlton	9,990	–	1.90	–	19,000	–
Chisago	8,500	7,500	2.75	3.30	23,300	24,700
Hennepin	–	3,770	–	2.80	–	10,600
Isanti	–	8,140	–	2.50	–	20,300
Washington	5,850	5,110	3.30	2.90	19,400	14,800
Combined counties	59,760	48,820	2.50	2.55	148,900	123,800
East Central	89,800	81,300	2.50	2.60	223,100	210,600
Cottonwood	3,700	3,590	3.00	4.50	11,100	16,200
Jackson	2,270	1,780	4.40	3.60	10,000	6,400
Lincoln	9,100	–	4.20	–	38,000	–
Nobles	–	4,630	–	4.10	–	19,000
Redwood	–	2,770	–	3.30	–	9,200
Combined counties	38,330	35,430	4.50	4.05	173,400	143,900
Southwest	53,400	48,200	4.35	4.05	232,500	194,700
Blue Earth	2,390	1,930	2.30	2.35	5,500	4,560
Freeborn	4,050	–	3.55	–	14,300	–
Martin	1,300	1,060	4.40	4.00	5,700	4,230
Rice	9,390	8,550	3.70	4.00	34,700	34,100
Waseca	–	2,230	–	4.10	–	9,100
Watsonwan	890	930	4.15	3.75	3,700	3,510
Combined counties	21,880	20,000	3.55	3.90	77,200	78,200
South Central	39,900	34,700	3.55	3.85	141,100	133,700
Fillmore	34,800	34,200	4.45	4.40	154,600	149,800
Goodhue	25,300	15,700	4.20	3.90	106,000	61,300
Houston	30,300	26,000	3.90	4.00	117,500	104,600
Olmsted	20,800	14,900	3.55	3.85	74,000	57,500
Winona	32,900	31,200	4.35	4.40	143,300	137,300
Combined counties	45,200	30,600	3.95	3.95	178,300	121,100
Southeast	189,300	152,600	4.10	4.15	773,700	631,600
State Total	1,000,000	870,000	3.40	3.35	3,400,000	2,915,000

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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Minnesota for all feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 160,000 head on April 1, 2018. This is down 5,000 from last month but unchanged from last year. **Placements** during March totaled 17,000 head, up 1,000 head from last month but down 6,000 head from last year. **Marketings** for March were 21,000 head, up 1,000 head from last month but down 1,000 head from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 1,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2018. The inventory was 7 percent above April 1, 2017. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.54 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.19 million head, up 14 percent from 2017.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million head, 9 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.85 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 285,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 530,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 531,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million head, 4 percent below 2017. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during March, 20 percent above 2017.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Cattle on feed ¹ April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			Other disappearance ² during March		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona.....	239	294	123	26	34	131	28	24	86	1	1	100
California.....	415	500	120	59	68	115	62	55	89	2	3	150
Colorado	940	950	101	205	165	80	170	160	94	5	5	100
Idaho.....	260	250	96	46	29	63	34	32	94	2	2	100
Iowa	670	740	110	116	107	92	93	93	100	3	4	133
Kansas.....	2,260	2,340	104	490	405	83	430	400	93	10	15	150
Minnesota	160	160	100	23	17	74	22	21	95	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,460	2,690	109	495	480	97	465	465	100	10	15	150
Oklahoma	300	310	103	73	53	73	67	57	85	1	1	100
South Dakota ...	250	260	104	39	27	69	38	36	95	1	1	100
Texas.....	2,460	2,700	110	460	455	99	425	420	99	15	15	100
Washington.....	195	210	108	42	29	69	30	28	93	2	1	50
Other States.....	310	325	105	43	52	121	50	49	98	3	3	100
United States ...	10,919	11,729	107	2,117	1,921	91	1,914	1,840	96	56	67	120

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	April 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	April 1, 2018	April 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	April 1, 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona.....	228	258	284	11	11	10
California.....	390	440	450	25	50	50
Colorado	605	565	535	335	405	415
Idaho.....	180	175	170	80	80	80
Iowa	500	530	540	170	170	200
Kansas.....	1,230	1,190	1,240	1,030	1,100	1,100
Minnesota	132	127	131	28	33	29
Nebraska	1,640	1,640	1,760	820	970	930
Oklahoma	185	185	165	115	130	145
South Dakota ...	145	145	150	105	105	110
Texas.....	1,680	1,730	1,760	780	910	940
Washington.....	125	140	140	70	70	70
Other States.....	200	210	210	110	120	115
United States ...	7,240	7,335	7,535	3,679	4,154	4,194